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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3 through 5, 11, and 13 through 20 remain in this application. Claims 2, 6, and 8 through 10 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 11, 16 and 18 through 20 are amended.

Claims 1, 3 through 5, 11, and 13 through 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0024967 A1 to Bauer ("Bauer publication").

Claim 1 as amended provides, *inter alia*, "a first activation of the user interface clears or ignores a user entry so that it is not acknowledged by the user interface, illuminates the user interface, and activates a timer" and "a second activation of the user interface performs an operation of the device, acknowledged by the user interface, in response to determining that the timer is still activated". Likewise, claim 16 as amended provides, *inter alia*, clearing or ignoring a user entry so that it is not acknowledged by the user interface, illuminating the user interface, and activating a timer in response to detecting a first activation; determining whether the time is still activated in response to detecting a second activation of the user interface; and performing an operation of the device, acknowledged by the user interface, in response to determining that the timer is still activated. Support for the above additional recitation of claims 1 and 16 is represented by steps 306, 308, 312 and 322 of FIG. 3 and provided at page 10, lines 1 through 4; page 11, lines 1 through 5 and lines 13 through 19; and page 12, lines of the specification.

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In contrast, the Bauer publication does not describe or suggest clearing or ignoring a user entry so that it is not acknowledged by the user interface, illuminating the user interface, and activates a timer in response to a first activation of a user interface, as required by claims 1 and 16. The Bauer publication also does not describe or suggest performing an operation of the device, acknowledged by the user interface, in response to a second activation of a user interface and determining that the timer is still activated, as required by claims 1 and 16. Therefore, claims 1 and 16 as amended distinguish patentably from the Bauer publication.

Claims 3 through 5, 11, 13 through 15, and 17 through 20 depend from and include all limitations of independent claims 1 and 16 as amended. Therefore, claims 3 through 5, 11, 13 through 15, and 17 through 20 distinguish patentably from the Bauer publication for the reasons stated above for claims 1 and 16.

In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection of claims 1, 3 through 5, 11, and 13 through 20 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. Also, no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

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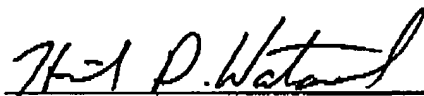
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any additional fees arising as a result of this response, including any fees for Extensions of Time, or any other communication from or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2117.

It is submitted that the claims clearly define the invention, are supported by the specification and drawings, and are in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns that may expedite prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

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